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SPAIN.

*Sanitary report from Barcelona.*BARCELONA, SPAIN, *September 21, 1899.*

SIR: I beg to inform you that I have been unable to obtain from the health office here the sanitary reports which consular officers are required to forward to your Bureau weekly, but have furnished you with the official monthly health report for the past two months. When the plague was reported in Portugal I requested the mayor here to furnish me with weekly health reports, and was informed that the city was in a healthy condition and that I would be advised if a contagious disease appeared in Barcelona.

This week 31 cases of typhus and 5 deaths therefrom were reported in Madrid, and I have received the following telegram in reply to one of mine: "Few cases, not considered epidemic.—REED, *Vice-Consul*."

All consuls in Spain are now inspecting vessels and baggage destined for Cuba and Porto Rico, or employing reliable men at the expense of the steamship companies to do so, as the immigration from this country is not large enough to require the services of a Marine-Hospital officer unless some quarantinable disease breaks out in Spain, which is very unlikely, judging from the precautions the Spanish Government have taken against the introduction of the plague in Spain, and the almost total eradication of the typhus in Madrid during the last two days.

As there was little or no emigration to the United States from Spain during former years, the inspection of vessels, baggage, etc., is entirely new, but I believe the weekly reports on such inspections from consular officers of vessels destined for Cuba and Porto Rico will be satisfactory to your Bureau.

I respectfully request to be furnished with any publications other than quarantine regulations 1894, that you consider would be of use and interest to this consulate-general.

Respectfully, yours,

JULIUS G. LAY,
Consul-General.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Inspection of vessels bound for ports in Cuba and Porto Rico.*BARCELONA, SPAIN, *September 27, 1899.*

SIR: I beg to inclose herewith reports of inspections of vessels leaving ports in my consular district carrying passengers destined for Cuba and Porto Rico during the past week. (a)

All passengers, before embarking on these steamers, were examined physically by ship's surgeon, their baggage inspected and labeled, all fruit, etc., extracted therefrom, and each steerage passenger given an inspection card. I have to-day reported to the Department of State the amount of emigration from Spain.

Respectfully, yours,

JULIUS G. LAY,
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^a The vessels inspected were as follows: Spanish steamships *Montserrat*, *Miguel M. Pinillos*, *Reina Maria Cristina*.